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Application of

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING :

THERMAL HEAD

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RESPONSE

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 22, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEE:

No additional fees are believed required in connection with this response; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

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ELECTION OF INVENTION

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention characterized by the Examiner as Group II-B drawn to a method for manufacturing thermal heads using a plurality of pairs of heaters and submit that claims 6-7 are readable on the elected invention.